(a) the details of goods seized by the Customs officials at different places during the last four months;

(b) the value of seized goods;

(c) whether any incentives were given to the officers and employees who seized the goods;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the method by which the goods seized by the Government were auctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Smuggling of Cardamon, Cloves and Cassia

510. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cardamom, cloves and cassia are being smuggled into India;

(b) if so, the total smuggling or illegal imports have taken place in each of these during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government have adjudicated on such imports without licence;

(d) if so, the details of each items, adjudication regarding imports in ports like Cochin, Touticorin, Madras (Chennai), Mangalore, all ports of Mumbai and in other Indian ports during the said period;

(e) the details of quantity and value of each items on which penalty and other prosecution imposed; and

(f) the quantity of each such illegal imports which have been regularised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (f) The information is being collected an will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rationalisation of the Stamp Act, Sales Tax Structure

511. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry has organised any meeting of all the State Finance Ministers during May, 1997 to discuss the rationalisation of the Stamp Act, Sales Tax structure and also Value Added Tax System throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken at the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) A meeting of the Finance Ministers of all States and Union Territories was convened by the Union Finance Minister on 4th July, 1997 to discuss the report of the group of Officials and Experts of Taxation of Inter-State Sales and the Report of the Committee of State Finance Ministers on Stamp Duty Reforms.

(c) There was general consensus on the imperatives of reforming the Central Sales Tax and Stamp Duty and introduction of VAT.

Inspection of Coal Stocks

512. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

SHRI MAHAVIR LAL BISHVAKARAMA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of mines of Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries in which shortage in stock of Coal was detected during the last three years at the time of inspection of coal mines;

(b) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) According to the coal stock verification carried out in CIL mines during 1993-94 to 1995-96, coal stock shortage revealed beyond permissible variation of +/- 5% is given in attached statement. Stock verification for 1996-97 is in progress.

(b) Whenever any shortage beyond +/- 5% variation is revealed in coal stocks, action is taken against the erring officials by the concerned coal company.

(c) To prevent stock shortages, following steps including periodic physical measurement of coal stock are being taken:-

(1)

(I)	Monthly	-	By Unit Level Teams
(II)	Quarterly	-	By Area Level Teams
(III)	Bi-annually	-	By Subsidiary Headquarter Level Teams
(IV)	Annually	-	By CIL Level Teams

(2) Check measurements are being undertaken in 10% of collieries having high stocks by survey teams comprising of surveyors other than CIL subsidiaries as members.

(3) Action against erring officials, wherever coal stock shortage is revealed, are taken by coal companies.

(4) Surprise check surveys are also carried out.

Statement

Eastern Coalfield Ltd.

Sl. No.	Name of the Mine	Shortage (In Tonnes)
1	2	3
1995-96		
1.	Madhaipur	985
2.	Pandaveshwar	5,643
3.	South Samla	341
4.	SS Pur	13,580
5.	Tirath	743
6.	Kuardih	2,804
7.	Ratibati	1,510
8.	Chapui Khas	999
9.	Mithapur	2,467
10.	Kunustoria	27,675
11.	Poidih	172
12.	Khairabad	83
1994-95		
1.	Pandaveshwar	795
2.	Dalurbandug	601
3.	South Samla	45
4.	Madhaipur	15,082
5.	Dalurband OCP	2,907
6.	J Palaathali	3,143
7.	Gangaramchak	11,036
8.	Kumaradih A	453
9.	Kumaradih B	957
10.	Talaboni	10,790
11.	Bahnora	9,088
12.	Khandra	3,162
13.	Sidull	7,179
14.	C.L. Jambad	8,152
15.	Lowerkenda	9,142
16.	Madhusudanpur	3,949
17.	Madhujore	1,332
18.	Parascole	5,828
19.	Kilas Kajora	2,918
20.	Lachipur	1,633
21.	Ghanashyam UG	1,934
22.	Balbaid	6,938
23.	Nsearsole	17,750
24.	Kunustoria	4,697
25.	Parasoa 6 & 7 INC	2,480
26.	Chaputkhas	835
27.	Ardhogram	18,236
28.	Bhanora R	1,193
29.	Bhanora West	12,825
30.	Kalpahari	5,281
31.	Ghusik R	3,057
32.	Methani	3,494
33.	Narasmunda	2,039
34.	Parbellia	13,925
35.	Dubeshwari	10,369
36.	Mohanpur	11,356
37.	Barmuri	85,927
38.	Shyampur B	20,704
1993-94		
1.	Pandeveshwar	1,528
2.	Dalurband	806
3.	S/Samla	468
4.	Madhaipur	19,943
5.	Kankartia	678
6.	Gangaramchak	16,407
7.	Sidull	20,761
8.	Haripur	33,945
9.	Lower Kenda	27,189
10.	Belbed	2,089
11.	N/Searole	9,961
12.	Bansra UG	20,692
13.	Kunuatora	31,385
14.	Amarsota	1,658

1	2	3
15.	Parasia 6 & 7	5,449
16.	Bhanora R	1,947
17.	Bhanora West	9,966
18.	Kalipahari	4,147
19.	Ghusik R	1,010
20.	Ranipur	511
21.	Parbelia	3,319
22.	Dubeshwari	9,915
23.	Dabor OC	20,362
24.	Dalmia OC	58,406
25.	Mohanpur	41,070
26.	Chakbalavpur	1,515
27.	Rajmahal	80,454
28.	Chitra B	186,562
29.	Lakhimat A	36,134
30.	Shampur B	10,718
31.	Kapasara	2,203

Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.

Sl. No.	Name of the Mine	Shotrage (In Tonnes)
1	2	3
1.	Mudidih	648
2.	North Tisra	176,377
3.	South Tisra	111,505
1995-96		
1.	Moodidih	5,521
2.	Kankanee	6,066
3.	Tetulmari	12,409
4.	Bastacolla	50,186
5.	Bera	79,040
6.	Dobari	53,551
7.	Ganhoodih	1110,978
8.	Kujama	35,040
9.	Kuya	217,075
10.	Gocp	599,722
11.	N Istra	156,497
12.	S Tisra	260,035
13.	Jeenagora	3,487
14.	Jairampur	1,138
15.	Muraidhi	112,319
16.	Jamunia OCP	68,306
17.	Balihari	7,725
18.	Bhagaband	24,849
19.	Hurliadih	653
20.	Basantimata	6,793
1993-94		
1.	Lohapatti	5,160
2.	Loyabad	20,142
3.	Kathara	4,397
4.	Damagoriaocp	924,538
5.	NL OCP	45,330

Central Coalfields Ltd.

1995-96		
1.	Sirka UG	15,595
2.	Argara	10,016
3.	Kathara	20,417
4.	S Dhorekalyani	46,425
1994-95		
1.	Bhurkunda	44,606
2.	Lapanga	136,926
3.	Saunda	86,139
4.	A. Karanpura	18,139
5.	K. Karanpura	20,601
6.	Sayal D	626,531
7.	Urimari	432,920
8.	Gidi A	18,223
9.	Religara	216,903
10.	Sirka UG	4,481
11.	Sirka OC	49,517
12.	Rohini OC	171,686

1	2	3
13.	Churi	37,411
14.	Karkata	183,529
15.	Ashok OCP	131,678
16.	Tetarikhar OC	7,213
17.	K Dewarkhand	192,438
18.	Sawang & Pipradih	568,465
19.	Govindpur (P)	323,618
20.	Kathara	527,357
21.	Jarandih	242,206
22.	Dhori	335,252
23.	N S Dhori	296,521
24.	Amlo	199,066
25.	Kalyani	296,702
26.	Tarmi	233,886
27.	Dhori-K	150,749
28.	Giridih OCP	29,737
29.	Karbidad PDTRN	238,096
30.	Kuju	78,732
31.	Seemra	1,810
32.	Sugia	36,558
33.	Pundi	240,078
34.	Topa	92,629
35.	Pindra	54,526
36.	Sarubera	28,281
37.	NR Siding	27,846
38.	Chinpur Siding	24,684
1993-94		
1.	Sirka UG	28,722
2.	Sirka OC	76,276
	South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	
1995-96	Shortfall	Nil
1994-95	Shortfall	Nil
1993-94		
1.	Rajnagar RO	84,513
	Western Coalfield Ltd.	
1995-96	Shortfall	Nil
1994-95	Shortfall	Nil
1993-94		
1.	Shivpuri	3,021
	NCL, MCL, & NEC	
	No Stock Shortage During 1993-94, 94-95 & 95-96	

Diecrimination in Import Duty

513. SHRI SURESH R. JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to discrimination in import duty by the Government of UK and other European countries, Indian Grapes Exporters have to pay 18% import duty while grape growers from Chile and Israel have to pay only 3% import duty;

(b) whether the Government have taken up this matter with the Governments of UK and other European countries; and

(c) if so, the response of those countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) There is no separate country-specific duty regime imposed by the European Union (EU) as the duties are required to be levied on 'Most Favoured Nation' (MFN) basis. However, in derogation of MFN duties, EU grants concessional treatment under the Generalised System of Preference (GSP) to various developing countries. India is also one of the beneficiaries. The import duty on Indian grapes has been reduced from 8% to 15% by the EU during the crop season, 1997. Under the EU GSP Scheme, exports from least the crop season, 1997. Under the EU GSP Scheme, exports from least developed countries and some other countries facing special problems enjoy greater concessions than India.

(b) and (c) India has requested European Union for better GSP treatment.

Inspection of CRB Accounts by RBI

514. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the R.B.I. inspected accounts books of the CRB Capital Market during November, 1996;

(b) whether the final inspection of CRB's corporate office in Mumbai by R.B.I. was completed on Jan 3, 1997;

(c) if so, the details of irregularities came to the notice of R.B.I. during the inspection;